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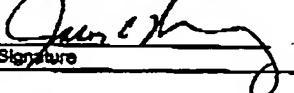
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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION DATED AUGUST 25, 2004

In response to the Office Action dated August 25, 2004 having a shortened statutory period for response set to expire on September 25, 2004, please enter this response and reconsider the claims pending in the application for reasons discussed below. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge counsel's Deposit Account No. 20-0782/WEAT/0142.D2/WBP for any fees, including excess claim fees and extension of time fees, necessary to make this response timely and acceptable to the Office.

Amendments to the claims begin on page 2.

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